

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, August 9,
1784, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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New York August 9th 1784.

Dear Sir

I wrote you lately by Mr. Short from Richmd. He intended sailing in a few days from Warwick so that by this time or at least before this reaches you, you will have recd it. I am so far on my way in performance of my trip thro' the Lakes, rivers &c. You will observe by this that I have chang'd my route & commence for the Westwd. here up the No. river, thence to the Lakes, thro' the Lakes to Detroit & thence to the Ohio-from the Ohio home. Upon the Ohio I purchase horses. Perhaps I may visit Montreal. Had I a month more to spare, I wod. go to Boston, up the Kennebeck river, to Quebec & thence on. I will certainly see all that my time will admit of. It is possible I may lose my scalp from the temper of the Indians, but if either a little fighting or a great deal of running will save it I shall escape safe. I sit out up the No. river in very agreeable company, Mr. Vaughn & family are of the party. I am yr. affect. frnd. etc. Jas. Monroe

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